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Commissioner:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action, dated June 16, 2008, designated a final rejection, regarding the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application and the appropriate fee are concurrently filed herewith. The Office Action set a three-month period for reply, namely, until September 16, 2008. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response and the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination are timely filed within the three-month period set by the Office Action because they are filed before the expiration of September 16, 2008. Further examination of the application in view of the Request for Continued Examination and the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u> that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Response and Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.